

Request for Decision

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REQUEST

To amend the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid (DGIA) policy to require the submission of additional budget information.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid policy be amended to require an application to include the project partners and project budget detailing revenue, expenditures, funds received from other sources and in-kind contributions.
2. THAT the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid policy be amended to require an application to include the project partners and project budget detailing _____.
3. THAT the Discretionary Grants-in-Aid policy not be amended to require an application to include the project partners and project budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The purpose of the DGIA Program is to provide grants to organizations that benefit the communities within an Electoral Area. The Policy (copy attached) is very general in nature and enables the Board to provide grants to many different types of non-profit organizations and projects. When submitting an application for funding, the Policy requires an applicant to state the nature of the project, how the funds may be used, and the amount of funding required. Grants cannot be used to relieve any level of government of its legal or financial obligations; however, grants may be used to add value to government activities.

Some Electoral Area Directors and Electoral Area Advisory Commission members have expressed concern that insufficient budget information may be provided with an application which hampers their ability to fully review and consider the application. It has been suggested that it would be beneficial during the review process to have all applications include a project budget with an outline of the funds received from other sources and a list of project partners and resources.

Attachment